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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Christopher P Bruenjes

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 44-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 44-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 31, 2004 has been entered.

***WITHDRAWN REJECTIONS***

2. The 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 rejections of claims 1-28 and 39-43 over Chono et al either alone or in combination with Ovadia et al of record in the Office Action mailed March 8, 2004, have been withdrawn due to Applicant's cancellation of the claims in the Paper filed August 31, 2004.

3. The 35 U.S.C. 103 rejections of claims 44-49 over Chono et al of record in the Office Action mailed March 8, 2004, Pages 5-6 Paragraph 8, have been withdrawn due to Applicant's arguments in the Paper filed August 31, 2004.

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**NEW REJECTIONS**

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
  2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
  3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
  4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.
4. Claims 44-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chono et al (JP 08-50452) in view of Peters et al (USPN 4,881,637).

Chono et al teach a box comprising a body formed from a blank that is precut with score lines and folded to form the

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body (p.13, paragraphs 24-25 of translation and Fig. 5). The blank comprises a support having a first surface and a second surface, wherein the outer surface has printing thereon, and at least one sheet of non-woven material arranged on the outer surface by adhesive, in which the non-woven material is partially transparent so that the printing on the support is visible through the non-woven material (see abstract). The non-woven material is formed from thermoplastic fibers, such as polyester (see abstract).

Chono et al fail to teach adding a second layer of non-woven material arranged by adhesive bonding to the inner surface of the box. However, Peters et al teach that in the art of box storage it is well known to apply non-woven fabric material to the inner surface of the box, in order to prevent scuffing or damage to the contents stored in the box (col.3, 1.48-51 and col.4, 1.5-7). One of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that a non-woven fabric material is added to the inner surface of a box, in order to prevent scuffing or damage to the contents stored in the box, as taught by Peters et al.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the applicant's invention was made to add a non-woven material to the inner surface of the

box of Chono et al, in order to prevent scuffing or damage to the contents stored in the box, as taught by Peters et al.

***ANSWERS TO APPLICANT'S ARGUMENTS***

5. Applicant's arguments regarding the 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 rejections of claims 1-28 and 39-49 over Chono et al alone or in combination with Ovadia et al, have been considered but they are moot since the rejections have been withdrawn.

***Conclusion***

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. McCormick et al (USPN 6,343,696).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher P Bruenjes whose telephone number is 571-272-1489. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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